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§ 3191.1-4 Public hearing on petition.

Prior to the granting of any delegation of authority, the notice of proposed delegation shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The FEDERAL REGISTER notice shall provide an opportunity for a public hearing in the affected State.

§ 3191.2 Terms of delegation.

(a) Delegations shall be continuing, contingent upon available funding, providing that there is an annual finding by the Director that the provisions of the delegation and the mineral leasing laws are still being carried out and that the requirements of § 3191.1-3 (a), (b) and (c) of this title are still in effect.

(b) Authority delegated to a State under this subpart shall not be redelegated.

(c) The State regulatory authority shall maintain sufficient qualified, personnel to comply with the terms and purpose of the delegation.

(d) Inspection identification cards shall be issued by the authorized officer to all certified State inspectors for the purpose of identifying the bearer as an authorized representative of the Secretary. Identification cards remain the property of the United States.

(e) The delegation shall provide for coordination with designated offices of the Bureau of Land Management, the Minerals Management Service, and, where appropriate, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Forest Service, and other surface management agencies.

(f) The delegation shall provide for annual program review.

(g) The delegation shall provide for annual budget and program reporting in conjunction with the Federal Budget process.

(h) The Director reserves the right to make inspections on Federal and Indian leases inspected by a State under this subpart for the purpose of evaluating the manner in which the delegation is being carried out.

(i) The Director reserves the right to act independently to carry out his/her responsibilities under the law.

§ 3191.3 Termination and reinstatement.

§ 3191.3-1 Termination.

(a) The delegation may be terminated by mutual written consent at any time.

(b) The Director may revoke a delegation if it is determined that the State has failed to meet the minimum standards for complying with the delegated authority.

(c) Prior to any action to revoke a delegation, the Director shall notify the State in writing of the deficiencies in the program leading to such revocation.

(d) Upon notification of intent to revoke a delegation, the State shall have 30 days to respond with a plan to correct the cited deficiencies. If the Director determines that the plan of correction is acceptable, the Director shall then approve the plan and specify the timeframe within which the cited deficiencies shall be corrected.

(e) In the event the Director makes a determination to revoke a delegation of authority, the State shall be provided an opportunity for a hearing prior to final action.

§ 3191.3-2 Reinstatement.

Terminated delegations of authority may be reinstated as set out below:

(a) For a delegation terminated by mutual consent under § 3191.3-1(a) of this title, the State shall apply for reinstatement by filing a petition with the Director, who shall determine whether such reinstatement should be granted.

(b) For a delegation of authority revoked by the Director, the State shall file a petition requesting reinstatement. In applying for reinstatement, the State shall provide written evidence that it has remedied all defects for which the delegation was revoked and that it is fully capable of resuming the activities carried out under the delegation. Upon receipt of the petition, the following actions shall be taken:

(1) The authorized officer, after review of the petition, may recommend approval of the reinstatement but shall provide proof that the deficiencies have been corrected and that the State is

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fully capable of carrying out the delegation.

(2) The Director shall review the petition and the recommendation of the authorized officer and may approve the reinstatement of a delegation upon a determination that the findings of the authorized officer are acceptable.

§3191.4 Standards of delegation.

(a) The Director shall establish minimum standards to be used by a State in carrying out activities established in the delegation.

(b) The delegation shall identify functions, if any, that are to be carried out jointly.

(c) A delegation shall be made in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(d) Copies of delegations shall be on file in the Washington Office of the Bureau and shall be available for public inspection.

§3191.5 Delegation for Indian lands.

§3191.5-1 Indian lands included in delegation.

(a) No activity under a delegation made under this subpart may be carried out on Indian lands without the written permission of the affected Indian tribe or allottee.

(b) A State requesting a delegation involving Indian lands shall provide, as evidence of permission, a written agreement signed by an appropriate official(s) of the Indian tribe for tribal lands, or by the individual allottee(s) or their representative(s) for allotted lands. The agreement shall at a minimum specify the type and extent of activities to be carried out by the State under the agreement, and provisions for State access to carry out the specified activities.

(c) Delegations covering Indian lands shall be separate from delegations covering Federal lands.

§3191.5-2 Indian lands withdrawn from delegation.

(a) When an Indian tribe or allottee withdraws permission for a State to conduct inspection and related activities on its lands, the Indian tribe or allottee shall provide written notice of

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its withdrawal of permission to the State.

(b) Immediately upon receipt of a notice of withdrawal of permission, the State shall provide written notification of said notice to the authorized officer, who immediately shall take all necessary action to provide for inspection and enforcement activities on the affected Indian lands.

(c) No later than 120 days after receipt of a notice of withdrawal of permission draw from an Indian tribe or allottee, the delegation on the lands covered by the notice shall terminate.

(d) Upon termination of a delegation covering Indian lands, appropriate changes in funding shall be made by the authorized officer.

Subpart 3192—Cooperative Agreements

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§3192.1 What is a cooperative agreement?

(a) A cooperative agreement is a contract between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and a Tribe or State to conduct inspection, investigation, or enforcement activities on producing Indian Tribal or allotted oil and gas leases.

(b) BLM will enter into a cooperative agreement with a State to inspect oil and gas leases on Indian lands only with the permission of the Tribe with jurisdiction over the lands.

§3192.2 Who may apply for a cooperative agreement with BLM to conduct oil and gas inspections?

(a) The Tribal chairperson, or other authorized official, of a Tribe with producing oil or gas leases, or agreements under the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 U.S.C. 2101 *et seq.*), may apply for a cooperative agreement with BLM for Indian lands under the Tribe's jurisdiction.

(b) Tribes may join together to apply for a multi-tribe cooperative agreement.

(c) The Governor of a State having a Tribal resolution from the Tribe with jurisdiction over the Indian lands, permitting the Governor to enter into a